Office of the Mayor Town of Gilbert Proclamation

UPDATED PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF GILBERT UNDER DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Town of Gilbert (the "Town") is continuing to respond to the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") in order to preserve the public peace, health, and safety of the Town, its employees and residents, and this Proclamation is intended to provide additional assistance in these efforts; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona declared a state of emergency (the "State of Emergency") due to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency due to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Mayor Jenn Daniels, by proclamation, declared a State of Emergency (the "Declaration of Emergency") to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Town and its residents; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona issued Executive Order 2020-36 entitled "Stay Healthy, Return Smarter, Return Stronger" that, among other things, requires all employers in Arizona to develop, establish, and implement policies based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the Arizona Department of Health Services in order to limit and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town is continuing to plan and implement policies and measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among its employees and in the Community; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Town to keep the measures in place that the Town has been utilizing to assist businesses and residents during the State of Emergency, the Declaration of Emergency must be extended.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 26-301- 317, Town Code Section 1-65, the Declaration of Emergency, as follows:

1. The intent of this Declaration is to rescind all authority and power granted by the Mayor's Declaration of Emergency dated March 16, 2020, except that authority which is needed to continue the measures identified below. Any new authority to be assumed or granted by the Mayor pursuant to the state law, Town Code, and the Declaration of Emergency must be done by a separate declaration.

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- 2. The Town Manager, or his designee, shall provide for a phased re-opening of Town facilities in compliance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the Arizona Department of Health Services.
- 3. As has been done since the inception of the Declaration of Emergency, the Town Manager, or his designee, shall continue to support the business community and Town residents by temporarily waiving certain code provisions, rules, and regulations to provide for flexibility and mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19.
- 4. The Town Manager, or his designee, shall continue to seek and apply for financial and other forms of aid, relief, and assistance from federal, state, and county agencies in relation to mitigating the effects or spread of COVID-19 and related to providing assistance to the Town, its businesses, its non-profits, and its residents impacted by the effects of COVID-19.
- 5. The Town Manager, or his designee, shall continue to limit utility shutoffs during the duration of the State of Emergency and work with residents and business in providing for reasonable repayment plans for past due utility accounts.
- 6. This Declaration shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or terminated by order of the Mayor.

PROCLAIMED, DECLARED, AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF GILBERT, ARIZONA THIS ____ DAY OF MAY, 2020.

lenn Daniels, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Maxwell, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher W. Payne, Town Attorney